

Saturday, Nov.

My dear Gray - I wrote you a long letter  
some 3 or 4 days since, in reply to yours  
last, & with some (valuable!) remarks  
on Spalding's *Kuokkoosky Compositae* -

I now return you, with many  
thanks, the 3 numbers of *Hook. Lond. Jour.*  
*Bot.* which you will need in studying  
some of Spalding's plants - I have made one  
or 2 pencil Mem<sup>a</sup> respecting which I hope  
you will (at some <sup>time</sup>, or another) consult  
your fayer specimens, & tell me how the  
matters stand - I once asked you, I remem-  
ber, (tho' I do not remember to have received  
an answer to the qy.) what is *Poa ~~hirsuta~~ Mex.*  
seeing that it is not *Drasost. spectabilis* - Ph -

The last steamer brought me a few lines  
from our friend Brott (forwarded thro' some  
Boston worthy, to me unknown, as the Post marks  
indicates) wherein he says that by a packet ship

not yet arrived he has "sent me a parcel of  
Carices," & hopes I shall "find some of them valuable."  
"Dear Hooker furnished most of them" !!

Now don't hang yourself, even tho' it does  
seem likely that I shall have a better Collec.  
of the Spec.<sup>s</sup> of this genus than the celebrated  
"Fishes of Mexico &c. &c." — What with enlightening  
said Professor's Coll.<sup>s</sup> & now Torrey's, & lastly  
with Bant's & "Dear Hooker's" additions to  
all these <sup>(2)</sup> — — But no matter, keep up  
your spirits, as you best may, against the  
great Calamity of our life — Kindest love to the  
Dear Lady, & believe me Affly Yrs.

Wm. C.

I saw Torrey, by mere accident, 2 days  
since, & only for a few moments — He looked  
well, & appeared to be in good spirits — When you  
are writing, say that these Munk.<sup>s</sup> of Hook.  
Yours reach you safely —

Prof. A. Gray.